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Tenney Farms, Inc. Seek Flood Damages From Power Company

Eight suits totaling \$206,500 have been filed against the Bellows Falls Hydro-Electric Corp., a subsidiary of the New England Power Co., for 1936 and 1938 flood damages. Largest of the suits is that of the Tenney Farms, Inc., for \$110,000 based solely on the 1936 flood damage. Chas. S. and Louella Tenney ask an additional \$25,000. Other plaintiffs are Walpole, N. H. residents.

Operation of gates in the company's Bellows Falls dam is blamed in the eight suits for having brought about excessive losses to the petitioners, residents of the Connecticut river valley.

Papers were served Saturday on Harold E. Whitney, clerk of the power company, by U. S. Deputy Marshall John Dugan of Rutland.

Damages are sought for silt deposits, making the land unproductive, erosion, and loss to buildings, livestock and loss of income. The suits are all practically identical except that in the Tenney suits damages are claimed only for the 1936 flood. The others claim losses also in 1938.

In each suit, and for each flood, there are four separate counts, based on negligence, unreasonable use, operation of a nuisance, and "absolute liability" of the defendant, on which damages are sought. Under the latter count it is alleged that the power company, in building its dam, became the insurer that water impounded would not injure lands below.

The papers set up that the bed of the Connecticut river between the Vernon dam and Bellows Falls has been built up over a period of years with accumulated silt, and that this fact was known to the company when it constructed its Bellows Falls dam in 1927. The structure was completed after the great flood of that year.

The dam at Bellows Falls has five bents, in two of which are roller gates, and the others ordinary flash-boards, the papers point out, which raise the water level 11 feet and impound a large volume.

Through the alleged intermittent opening and closing of those gates, alternately raising and lowering the stream both above and below the dam, the stream bed below has also been filled with silt as a result of the action of the water in eroding the banks as it has been raised and lowered, the papers claim.

At the time of the 1936 and 1938 floods some of the flash-boards were forced out by the water, the petitions state, after which the company released all the remaining boards and raised its gates, thus letting down the whole mass of impounded water which could not be contained within the banks of the river below and hence flooded over the lowlands.

In the Tenney suits Fairhurst, Hayes and Herr of Greenfield are associated with Frank E. and F. Elliott Barber of Brattleboro, Vt.

Ridge Light Service

At the time of the hurricane, the main feed line of the electric service on the Ridge, as well as nearly all the connections with the cottages were carried down in the storm. The Ridge association has had rebuilt the main street wires but thus far only seven connections with the individual cottages have been made. A good many of the summer residents there, in sending the amount of their annual deposits will be disappointed at not being able to secure their electric light, because they have failed to have their wires restored.

Property owners on Rustic Ridge, who left their homes before the day of the hurricane should ascertain the conditions about their premises, before expecting to move in and have the electric service. All information in regard to the electric service will be gladly given by Mr. Truesdell the local representative of the Western Mass. Electric Co., address, Northfield.

Frederick White has been re-appointed as street superintendent of the town by the selectmen and James Dale has been named as moth superintendent.

Announcement
Dr. F. Wilton Dean announces that his office will be closed from March 15 to April 1st.

Five Will Serve On Committee Named For High School Repairs

The board of selectmen have named the committee to be in charge of the necessary repairs and alterations at the high school building for which the town made an appropriation of \$21,000 at the annual town meeting. Of this sum \$7,000 was raised by taxation and \$14,000 will be secured by a bond issue. The repairs will follow along the line of the suggestions made by the special committee which was appointed to investigate and who made their report at the meeting.

The committee will consist of Carl Mason, George W. Carr, Ross L. Spencer, C. R. Carmean and Irving J. Lawrence.

It is expected that the committee will soon organize and secure estimates for the work to be done, after which the building can be made ready for fall occupancy.

Book Suggestions At The Library

The trustees of Dickinson Memorial library have recently spent a considerable portion of the money available for new books with a single purpose in mind. They have sought to provide more than a score of the best and latest volumes especially interesting to young people. They are not children's books. They are not in the children's room but in the main library. They appeal to the boy and girl of high school and college age and they will undoubtedly be called for and eagerly read when once it is known they are in circulation.

They are stories of adventure, discovery and travel in strange lands. Many of them are stories of success under difficulties. Among them we would mention a few that represent the entire new acquisition. "Rifles for Washington," by Elsie Singmaster, a life-like fiction of the experiences of the private soldiers in Washington's army personified chiefly by David McKail who refused to be left behind when his uncle, an old Indian fighter started for Cambridge to join Washington. David served all seven years of the heart-breaking struggle for independence. The story moves rapidly and is told with the well known charm and power of its author.

There are two books by Admiral Byrd: "Discovery", the first of his second expedition to the Antarctic, a gripping story of sights no human eye ever witnessed before; a magnificent story of achievement and adventure; of man pitted against dangers and difficulties almost unbelievably great; planes cracking on ice fields; men at the very verge of death yet escaping as by miracle; his ship creeping for days across the Devil's graveyard where mammoth bergs lay hidden in the fog on every hand; a marvelous story. And along with it is the later book, "Alone." A tingling narrative of Byrd's experiences absolutely alone in the South Polar nights, completely isolated for five months at Advance Base, far south of Little America when in 1934 he nearly died.

Along the line of adventure and discovery is the new volume, "Minute Stories of Famous Explorers," a book with 73 maps and 300 illustrations. Read this book and you will be thrilled with the brave deeds of brave men pushing into the unknown dangers of steaming jungles, the haunts of wild beasts and savages, parched deserts, the highest mountain peaks and even the floor of the ocean.

To name a few more we select this week, "Riders of the Rio Grande," "The Boys' Own Book of Frontier Men," "Red Sky Over Rome," "The Trumpeter of Krakow," "Perry" by the author of "Bambi" and "The Story of My Life" by Helen Keller.

In a later issue of the "Press" we shall name some more of these new books which are certain to attract the young people. — C. C.

Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sherman of Hinsdale road, on Tuesday, the 14th, observed in a quiet way, their golden wedding anniversary. They were the recipients of congratulations and remembrances from many friends and relatives, particularly from those in Quincy, where they spent over 36 years of their married life.

They have two sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren. They have lived here nearly 16 years.

The Northfield Calendar

MAY 14
Northfield Schools Sacred Concert
JUNE 12
Northfield Seminary Commencement
Mount Hermon School Commencement
JUNE 23-30
Northfield Girls' Conference
JULY 3-10
Northfield Missionary Conference
JULY 10-21
Conference of Religious Education
JULY 15-22
United Presbyterian Conference
JULY 24-31
Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference
JULY 24-AUGUST 14
Westminster Choir College
JULY 29-AUGUST 14
Northfield General Conference
AUGUST 13
Northfield Festival of Sacred Music

WORST STORM IN FIFTY YEARS BLANKETS NEW ENGLAND; NOW ARE GRADUALLY PULLING OUT

The record of a long cold winter, with one previous hard storm, was emphasized last Sunday when a real blizzard swept over us, as it encompassed New England. The wind was of gale force and snow fell to a varied depth of seven to twelve inches with high drifts in many places. State plows and town plows worked all night and on through Monday to make the roads passable. Everybody used the shovel, which some had put away thinking that the winter was over and spring so near. Trees, especially the pines, were covered with snow and its weight brought the branches down.

Throughout New England many deaths were reported and there was a bad freight wreck on the Boston & Maine railroad at Buckland. Automobile accidents were frequently reported. Tuesday brought a milder day with cold and clearing at night and Wednesday seemed bright and cheerful, full of promise and sunshine.

It looks now as if the snow will be with us for some time as the melting process will be slow and the daily weather predictions over the radio are generally "continued cold."

The ice still holds on the river and if the melting is slow, there need be no fear of rising waters. For those who want more of winter sports, the opportunity is afforded in the snow-clad New England hills.

A Training Course For Hostel Workers

The directors of the American Youth Hostel, Monroe and Isabel Smith, announce a 12-months training course for those who desire to enter the ranks of workers with the hostel movement. The qualifications for those taking the course are ability to speak well in public, a love of the outdoors, a willingness to work and an earnest desire to be of service in the organization. One should have hostel experience and a college degree.

The first two months will constitute the experimental period and is followed by six months apprenticeship for which the AYH pays room and board. The final four months the AYH pays room and board and \$15 per month. At the completion of the experimental work the applicant is eligible for complete AYH duties. Already several applications have been received for the course.

Aid Tvedt Family

The Greenfield Civic orchestra gave a benefit concert in the Grange hall at Vernon last evening for the family of the late Julian Tvedt, who died of injuries recently received in an automobile accident at the Vernon railroad crossing. Mr. Tvedt was a member of the orchestra.

The orchestra consisted of 25 pieces and was conducted by Shepard Raymond. The program included numbers by the Franklin string quartette and violin solos by Harold Leslie, of Greenfield who is a teacher of violin at the Northfield Seminary and Putney school. Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed is a member of the orchestra. The entire proceeds will be given to the family of Mr. Tvedt.

Receives Full Time For Station WHAI

The broadcasting station, at Greenfield, WHAI, owned and operated by John W. Haigis, has received full time broadcasting privileges, effective next Monday by permission of the Federal Communications commission in Washington. During the day the station will operate on 250 watts and at night on 100 watts, with the program running from 7 a. m. to midnight. This extension will make the radio more popular with the residents in this section and result in a greater use of its facilities. It is said that the present affiliation with the Mutual, Yankee and Colonial networks will be continued and that the local broadcasting will be expanded.

The Brotherhood To Entertain Its Sons

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its annual father and son night in the vestry of the church on the evening of Tuesday, March 21, meeting at 6:30 o'clock for the dinner.

Entertaining immediately following will be Pitt Parker of Boston, a well known crayon wizard and clay modeler who has appeared before the Brotherhood previously and was well received. When Mr. Parker entertains he never fails to draw original cartoons of the day and sometime sketches persons in the audience. Father and son dinner and meeting of the Brotherhood, is an event which is at once a success and a memorable occasion. Every member will be there with his own boy or else borrow a neighbor's.

Down In Florida

The Northfield-Orlando group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, 818 Mount Vernon avenue, Orlando, Fla., on Thursday afternoon, March 9. Mrs. Coburn was assisted in entertaining by her sister, Miss Alice B. Duncan. Two former members of this group, Miss Mary J. Hills and Miss Carrie L. Mason who were unable to be in Florida this winter were sent a message of greeting. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Elliott W. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas T. Brown, Mrs. Flora Buffum, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, Miss Alice B. Duncan, Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, Miss Margaret E. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Smith, Miss Virginia T. Smith, and Mrs. Bessie E. Symonds.

"Hermonite" Wins Favor

At the annual meeting and exhibition of the Columbia Scholastic Press association in New York City, last week Friday, the "Hermonite" the student publication of Mount Hermon school was awarded third place in its division in the national competition, and will receive its certificate of award. Over 1000 papers and magazines were exhibited as the official student publications of public and private schools.

John H. Metcalfe is the editor of the "Hermonite," Fred E. Bauer is the associate editor. It has a large staff with several departments. James Griffin is the business manager and Harry A. Erickson is the faculty adviser.



PIONEER VALLEY

Book Outing Club For Sessions Here

Jean Seyimgeow, chairman of the Radcliffe Outing club has secured permission to use the local Youth Hostel as the meeting place for the Intercollegiate Outing club's eighth annual conference to be held the week-end of May 5. One hundred delegates are expected from colleges in New England.

The association was organized seven years ago on the top of Mt. Moosilauke, in New Hampshire, by a group of Dartmouth college students. It promotes interest in the outdoors for both men and women, and members pool their experiences and ideas on camping, mountain climbing, and winter sports.

The capacity of the local hostel is approximately 100, and will be taxed to the limit for accommodations. It has the usual boys' and girls' dormitories, kitchen, dining room and recreation rooms where hostlers gather before the great fireplace.

Wm. A. Barr Speaks Of Old Boston

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Historical society held Tuesday evening at the Dickinson library, the members heard with much interest a talk by William A. Barr on "The Historical Spots of Old Boston." He carried his hearers from place to place of noteworthy interest, in the old section, and gave a very complete description of the part it played in the annals of the city.

Miss Daisy Holton is president of the society and Miss Maud E. Hamilton, secretary. There was a good attendance.

Girl Scout Plans

Mrs. Louis Potts of Main St., was hostess last Thursday evening to the members of the Northfield Girl Scout Troop committee, who met to discuss plans for the annual Girl Scout Rally. This year the rally will be held on April 19th, in the town hall, and as usual will be of wide interest to the community. A pageant, "When Girl Scouts Meet," will be presented, having as a theme the scout of today as the citizen of tomorrow. A guest speaker will be announced later, and merit and proficiency badges will be awarded. A hobby show will also reflect the varied interests of the scouts. Mrs. Frank Montague as chairman of the play committee, will direct the pageant, and assisting her will be Miss Mary Dalton, Miss Mary Thompson and Mrs. Charles Kehl.

The Northfield patrol of Girl Scouts which were Troop 2 will be in charge of Lieut. Gertrude Potts for the rest of the year, and will meet in Alexander hall on Tuesdays with Capt. Thompson's troop. All old members are cordially urged to return, for there is still time before the rally to complete work on certain badges they were interested in.

Pine St. School Honors

Principal Esther M. Williams of the Pine street school has issued the honor roll of the school for the months of January and February: High honors go to Marion Allen, Katherine Moody, Arline Finch and Nell Churchill of grade six.

Honors go to Virginia Bolton, Donald Lilly, Clinton Holton and Harlan Randall, grade 7; Pebe Stacy and John Rikert, grade 8; Ruth Norton, Virginia Steadler, Ellen Breismaster, Irving Walker, Richard Huber, Russell Roberts, Edwin Finch, grade 5; Richard Mitchell, Donald Norton, David Powell, grade 4.

Pioneer Valley Assoc. Speeds Organizing; Director Is Named

The Pioneer Valley, by which the Connecticut valley will become known, for the purposes of advertising and other publicity, in order to secure a greater share of the summer tourist travel, increase business and add new residents for the summer vacation or for permanent residence, will become a reality soon with our people.

Northfield has profited more perhaps than any other locality in this county by the influx of visitors during the summer months, and since trade and industry does not rear its head here, we shall continue to expand only upon the success of our agricultural and tourist development.

The Pioneer Valley association starts out in a manner that promises every success and the leading citizens and officials of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties are enrolled to further its purposes. It has just selected a director of its activities in the person of Miss Elisabeth Shumaker, who will make her headquarters in Northampton, and comes to her undertaking, from her last position as director of the Cape Cod Advancement League at Hyannis.

Prior to coming to Massachusetts, Miss Shumaker supervised publicity for the following national trade associations: National Association of Real Estate Boards, Mortgage Bankers Association of America, and the United States Building and Loan League. She has been affiliated with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the Baltimore Sun, the New York Times, and the Chicago Herald and Examiner as well as being a member of the Illinois Women's Press Association.

The association will put on a financial campaign to raise funds to "carry on" and John W. Haigis is general chairman, with a complete staff of workers in each county, and also in each town. A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield Hotel is president of the association and will be in charge of the campaign here. On Tuesday noon, at a dinner at the hotel he outlined his plans to a group of local citizens:

Parsons—Author

The Yankee magazine, published "for Yankees everywhere" in its March issue, classifies Herbert C. Parsons as an author and in an article on book trails by Marion E. Dodd, reviews his book on "A Puritan Outpost" as "a history of the town and people of Northfield" as a valuable contribution to the history of Massachusetts and an important story of the progressive Puritan.

New Stamp Issues

Postmaster Merritt C. Skilton of the East Northfield post office announces that the sale of the new issues of the 3-cent stamps will be according to the dates of issue. The Golden Gate International Exposition stamp went on sale Feb. 20 and already a large quantity has been disposed of. On April 2nd the New York World's Fair stamp will be placed on sale; on April 30th the stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington. On June 12th, the stamp for the 100th anniversary of the national pastime, baseball, will be issued while on Aug. 19th the stamp of the anniversary of the Panama Canal will make its appearance. This list will keep stamp collectors on the anxious seat.

The Vernon Election

The annual town meeting of Vernon, which includes South Vernon was held last week and the successful candidates for election were as follows:

Moderator, A. A. Dunklee; clerk, Ada M. Newton; treasurer, A. A. Dunklee; selectman, D. A. Johnson; later, John P. Miner; auditor, Harold E. Blodgett; collector of taxes, treasurer; first constable, H. E. Lane; second constable, Wallace H. Whitaker; road commissioner, J. A. Johnson; overseer of poor, selectmen; school director, C. E. Scherlin; grand juror, R. E. Bruce; town agent, S. S. Pike.


The town voted, among the business transacted, not to employ an outside auditor, voted against the sale of wine and beer and spirituous liquors, but in favor of Sunday baseball. The tax rate has been computed at \$22.50 per one thousand.



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TOWN TOPICS

The local W. C. T. U. held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Lazelle on Glenwood Ave., Wednesday afternoon and plans were made for the holding of a W. C. T. U. institute here in the near future.

At its annual town meeting, Brattleboro voted for liquor sales, Sunday movies and daylight saving. Twelve of the Windham county towns voted for daylight saving by a big majority. Brattleboro's tax rate will probably be \$38.40 per thousand.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lazelle, who have spent several weeks in Florida, on a motor trip and visiting friends, arrived back at their home on Saturday, just in time to witness the winter's worst storm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Towner made a break in their journey to the west coast last week at Denver, where they visited Mrs. Towner's uncle, Judge William B. Washburn, who is just recovering from a serious illness.

National Wild Life Week will observe its second anniversary by proclamation of President Roosevelt, March 19 to 25. Wild-life stamps, giving pictures of birds and animals, have been issued and these may be had at the First National Bank & Trust Co., or the Franklin County Trust Co., in Greenfield. The complete set makes an attractive collection.

The selectmen of Greenfield have again voted permission to their fire department and fire chief to answer summons for help from neighboring communities, when a request is made by the officials of the town or its fire chief.

If any of our citizens discover a bird about their premises that looks like and acts like a sparrow, but isn't a sparrow, it's a purple finch, and if it has a small aluminum band on its leg, marked by the Biological survey, inform Dr. R. L. Weaver, the Dartmouth college naturalist at Hanover, N. H., as he would like to know where they are traveling.

Local visitors recently to the Kurn Hattin Homes at Westminster, Vt., find the institution doing a very fine work with its young people, which merits the support of its friends.

It is expected that the new town committee on the "Rehabilitation of Trees" and on consideration of a new cemetery, will soon meet and organize and begin to plan their work. The tree committee with Mr. Stearns as chairman will have much work to do as the spring season begins.

The health council will meet next Monday evening in the office of the district nurse in town hall, as the meeting of last Monday evening was cancelled owing to the bad weather.

The spring vacation at Mount Hermon school began Tuesday and will continue for fifteen days. The Seminary vacation began on Thursday. All students have left the dormitories to spend the time at their homes or on visits with friends.

Many local school children and several adults from this town went to Greenfield last Monday afternoon to witness "Peter Pan" performance in the high school auditorium as one of the three productions of the Children's theatre. All were much pleased.

A large audience at the local Congregational church heard with much interest Thursday evening, the lecture of Philip H. Pent, of Atlantic City, N. J., on the Amazon country, with colored pictures by stereopticon. It proved to be a most educational talk.

Alfred Holton, Lucky Clapp and James Dale went down to Amherst recreational conference to attend the hunting and fishing section of the big affair.

The local bowling team has moved into third place in the County League with percentages not far behind the leaders. There yet remains the hope that they will move up a peg before the season closes. Gingham of the local bowlers is one of the high scorers.

Card of Thanks
 We wish to express our gratitude and deep appreciation to our many friends for their kind deeds and words of sympathy and to the neighbors for beautiful flowers sent at the time of our great sorrow in our recent bereavement.
 The Spencer Family

Myron Dunnell is about again after being confined to his home for a few days with illness.

Charles O. Bruce of Mount Hermon school, who has served as a selectman in the town of Gill for the past 26 consecutive years, retired this year and the town meeting in a resolution adopted, expressed its warm appreciation of his services.

The county Agricultural society have selected September 11, 12 and 13 as the dates for the Greenfield Fair.

The 68th annual New England flower show will be held in Boston, March 16 to 21 and several local enthusiasts expect to attend.

Robert Ripley has accepted a position with George N. Kidder in his undertaking and embalming business and began his work Wednesday. He will reside with his family in the Proctor block.

Local motorists will be pleased to hear of the expectation of the highway engineers to have the Mohawk Trail ready for travel about June 1.

The Northfield Townsend club will meet hereafter on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings at the town hall. The club has a growing membership.

Samuel Truesdell, who represents Northfield in the Hampshire-Franklin council of Boy Scouts, was in attendance at the meeting last week Friday which planned for the financial drive in aid of the work.

Hopes for an early spring were disappointed last week-end with the spell of cold and six inches of snow. The thermometer went down close to the zero mark.

Mrs. E. M. Morgan, of Main street, who is president of the County Union of the W. C. T. U. addressed the ministers' meeting at the Second Congregational church in Greenfield on Monday on the life of Frances E. Willard.

In the list of Hermonites who will fill positions in the town of Gill as a result of the recent annual town meeting, published in our last issue, was omitted the name of Charles O. Bruce, who will serve as an assessor and Emil Dubriel, who will be a member of the welfare board.

Taxpayers in Greenfield are alarmed over the possibility of a high tax rate which seems inevitable.

As the weather breaks and highway travel becomes better on the country roads, motorists will be wending their way about the locations of the big saw mills which are rapidly cutting up the hurricane timber into all sizes of lumber. Any such mill will afford a most interesting visit.

Thin Lawns Need A Spring Feeding
 If your lawn was thin and patchy last summer, don't be too sure that a bag of seed will put it in lush condition this spring. The chances are that the lawn needs fertilizer instead of seed to make it form a smooth green carpet around the dwelling, says Lawrence S. Dickinson, turf specialist at Mass. State college.
 Grass plants usually adjust themselves to the plant food available in the lawn. When the grass cover is thin it usually is a sign that there is not enough plant food to support a dense sod. Fresh seed alone is not likely to correct this condition unless the soil is first fertilized enough to support a heavy growth of lawn grass. Often when sufficient fertilizer is applied, the sod will thicken up without additional seeding.
 Early in the spring the lawn should be rolled if the area is rough. Rolling should be done when the soil is friable but not wet. Then the grass should be thoroughly combed with an iron rake to remove the dead grass and debris. However, brooming the lawn with wire or rattan is harmful because the partially decayed grass clippings and other organic matter are removed and the soil surface is exposed to the drying winds and sun.
 Any turf area having 40 per cent or more basic grasses should be fertilized and given correct cultural treatment to bring it into good condition. Too many lawns could easily be restored by feeding have been dug up, re-seeded without having fundamental faults corrected, and treated as carelessly as before.
 However, seeding at the proper time does play an important part in good lawn management, Mr. Dickinson says. Home owners who want full information on fertilizing, seeding, and other lawn problems may obtain a free copy of Mr. Dickinson's bulletin, "Lawn Management." Single copies are free to residents of Massachusetts and may be obtained by writing to the Mailing Room, M. S. C., Amherst, Mass.

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Season's Fashion Show of 1939 To Be Given At The Town Hall By Fortnightly Next Wednesday

Northfield will witness a showing of all the latest styles in women's, misses' and children's wearing apparel, next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the town hall, under the auspices of the Fortnightly club and in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. Ray Thompson, chairman, Mrs. Joseph W. Field, Mrs. George Pefferlee, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. George Thompson, and Miss Anna Mattoon.

The exhibit will be given by the Wilson department store of Greenfield, with Mr. Gates who is in charge of the department, personally supervising the showing of the gowns, cloaks, suits and dresses.

In the display, our local folks will assist as the models, and the children's sizes will be shown by Ruth Dawe, Lucretia Marshall, Winona Robinson and Janet Spencer. The misses' styles will be shown by Mrs. Ross Spencer, Mrs. Donald Williams, Miss Dorothy Leach and Miss Elizabeth Simmons. Adult sizes will be shown by Mrs. Frank H. Montague, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Clarence Steadler and Miss Betty Eastman.

The public are invited to attend and those doing so are requested to contribute ten cents toward the fund to complete the amount necessary to send the high school seniors on their trip to visit Washington.

Before and after the fashion show, in the basement of the town hall, there will be a food display offered for sale but not during the period of the fashion show in the hall upstairs.

The committee have made every effort to make this showing a big success and it will provide a splendid opportunity for our people to view the latest styles on living models.

Town hall should be crowded with a capacity audience next Wednesday, and the co-operation of Wilson's department store appreciated.

Powers Institute of Bernardston is to have regularly an issue of a school paper, called, "Pendulum Echo" and an editorial staff has been named.

Super Service
Customer: I want some powder to kill cockroaches.
Clerk: Will you take it with you?

Customer: No, I'll have the cockroaches call and you can rub it on their little tummies.

Garden Projects In Four Meetings To Be Held Here

A series of meetings will be held in the town hall on March 29 at two o'clock, April 13 at two o'clock, May 2nd at two o'clock and June 7th at 7:30 o'clock, when the subject of home garden projects will be presented in a series of talks under the auspices of the County Extension service.

A short history of the New England home and historic gardens in Massachusetts will be outlined. The emphasis on the building is merely used as a background for the establishment of gardens and development of typical garden features.

Areas of special interest such as brooks, ponds, views should be improved and made easily accessible.

The establishment of a picnic area near the home to encourage frequent use will be discussed. Plans for construction of outdoor fireplace, of heavy durable and inexpensive outdoor furniture, will form an important part of this project.

From the standpoint of gardening, appropriate plants and their uses, developments of lawns, location of driveways and the use of shrubs and shade trees will be taken up as a means of grounds beautification.

A cordial invitation to attend any or all of these meetings is extended to the citizens of this town and there is no charge for admission.

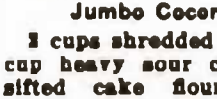
Youth Hostel Groups To Visit Both Fairs

Announcement is made by the management of the American Youth Hostel, from its headquarters office here, that two trips will be arranged to visit both the San Francisco and New York fairs. The journey will be in the usual hostel fashion in converted railway cars with accommodations for both girls and boys, and with ample cooking facilities. One group will travel from the west toward the east and another group will go westward. The group going west will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stark, of St. Louis, Mo., where he is a teacher in the Country Day school, a former resident and student of Mount Hermon school and enthusiastic over the youth hostel movement. These trips as arranged will afford many

Coconut Cookies Appeal to Menfolks

By Frances Lee Barton

If you are on the supper committee for the Christmas party at your church, you'll be trying to decide what your contribution to the feast will be. May we suggest several batches of these cookies? They're good substantial cookies and the menfolks will enjoy them immensely.



Jumbo Coconut Cookies
3 cups shredded coconut, cut; 1/4 cup heavy sour cream; 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1/2 cup butter or other shortening; 1 cup sugar; 1 egg, unbeaten.
Add 1/2 cup coconut to cream; let stand. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy; then add egg and beat thoroughly. Add flour, alternately with cream mixture, stirring well after each addition. Chill. Roll 1/2 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured 3/4 inch cutter and place on ungreased baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cups coconut. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 12 to 14 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

To my way of thinking, one of the most pleasant meals of the week is Sunday night supper in the company of one or two friends.



And for that occasion, nothing beats waffles as the pièce de résistance. Start off with tomato juice, then serve Ham Waffles with soft scrambled eggs and finish up with coffee and cookies. That meal has "got something" as the young folks put it!

Ham Waffles à la Marigold
(Sour milk waffles)

3 cups sifted cake flour; 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 tablespoon sugar; 2 egg yolks, well beaten; 1 1/4 cups sour milk or buttermilk; 4 tablespoons melted butter or other shortening; 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten; finely diced cooked ham. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Combine egg yolks, milk, and butter; add to flour mixture, beating until smooth. Fold in egg whites. Bake in hot waffle iron, sprinkling each waffle with about 1/4 cup ham just before closing iron. Serve soft scrambled eggs on each waffle. Makes four or five 4-section waffles.

young people the opportunity to see both fairs and much of America in their travels. Many stops will be made enroute by the railway car, when bicycles can be used for side trips.

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Wit: Here or yours?

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Father: How's that?
Willie: He borrows my penknife to sharpen his pencil to give me bad marks.

A Good Job
She: I sing for my own amusement.
He: I can quite believe it.

That's That
Experienced Wife: The night before last you came home yesterday. Last night you came home today. If you come home this evening tomorrow night, I'll go home to mother.

Ben: What's the matter?
John: I've just swallowed 15 cents. Do you notice the change in me?

Our Reporter Scans The Vacation Activities On Both Campuses

The students of Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school have left the campuses for their annual two-week spring vacation. The last two weeks have been busy ones at both schools; with co-operative exams and the conclusion of the winter sports seasons.

On Tuesday evening the Mount Hermon boys saw "Spawn of the North" in Camp Hall. Before the moving picture, 69 varsity letters were awarded in the six winter sports and the captains elected for next year were announced as follows: Joe Garrison of Longmeadow, hockey (Garrison is also captain-elect of the 1939 football team); Nick Milton of Staten Island, N. Y., wrestling; Robert Birdsall of Mount Hermon, skiing; Scott Pruyn of New York City, fencing; and Arthur Shelton of Erie, Pa., and Ralph Alven of Jersey City, N. J., co-captains of the swimming team.

The Mount Hermon recess began on Wednesday and will end March 28.

The Northfield Seminary girls left for their homes Friday morning and will return to the campus on March 30. Last Saturday afternoon the traditional "Yale-Harvard" basketball game was played, with Yale downing Harvard 45-22.

Saturday evening, the sophomore dramatic society, Sigma Delta Epsilon, presented "The Grate Song," well known two act comedy translated into English from the Spanish by John G. Underhill. Mr. Richard Schwinger and Mr. James Covell of the Mount Hermon faculty filled the roles of the countryman and the doctor respectively.

Among the Seminary faculty who will travel fairly great distances during the next two weeks are Miss Edith Dutton and Miss Helen Palmer who will go to Bermuda. Mrs. Laura C. Tenney and Miss Annie Mildred Herring to Charleston, S. C.; Miss Marian Keller to Washington and Miss Ruth Sykes to Cleveland.

A group of Seminary students will meet Harold B. Ingalls in New York City on Friday, March 24, for a social study trip sponsored by the Seminary church. The group will visit a modern dress factory and later will hear a talk by a member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union. They will have luncheon at a Co-operative cafeteria, visit slum tenements and the Rand School of Social Science, and hear August Claessens on "How We Socialists Democrats Would Reorganize the Earth."

Immediately after their return to school, both the Mount Hermon and Northfield singing groups under Mr. Gallagher, will begin concentrated work on "The Mikado" which is to be produced the Saturday before commencement.

It's Guest Night At The Fortnightly In Alexander Hall

This Friday evening at eight o'clock in Alexander hall, the members of the Fortnightly will gather to hear an illustrated address, with pictures in color, on "Enchanting Ireland" by Mrs. Robert Parmenter of Northampton. It will be the annual guest night and each member will bring a friend. The hostesses will be Mrs. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. F. Wilton Dean and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be Friday, April 7th at 8 o'clock at Alexander hall when the subject of "Books" will be considered and presented by Mrs. Ellen Kyburg.

The final meeting of the season will be Friday, April 21, at three o'clock in Alexander hall and will be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Mrs. Frank H. Montague, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Allen H. Wright will appear in a parlor skit.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at ten o'clock for the study of scriptures; a class will meet for training in church membership; at 11 regular preaching service, when the choir will sing "When We Stand before the King" and "Today". The sermon subject will be "When Jesus Failed." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30; Miss Evans and Miss Saunders will conduct a worship service; Service at the Barber District with Mrs. Allen Field. At 7, Endeavor service when Miss Evans will speak and Miss Saunders will sing; at 8, church services will be led by Miss Evans and Miss Saunders.

Tuesday at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 6:30 the annual Father and Son night in the Brotherhood; Mr. Pitt Parker, a wizard in crayon work and clay modeller will entertain. At 7:30 the C. E. Cottage prayer service.

Thursday at 7:30 weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The next step in the epic of the Emergence of the Spiritual from the Natural is "Man at Work."

The sewing department of the Alliance will meet with Mrs. L. W. Robbins Thursday, March 23, from 2 to 4:30 p. m.

At Peterborough the felled hurricane timber on the Sargent tract is being cut up into lumber and will be used to erect summer camps for the students of Boston University.



Packed full of human interest as well as social significance we believe that A. L. Alexander has started another sensation with his "Arbitration" program that got under way a couple of weeks ago. Alexander, you know, is the man who started the Good-Will court a few years ago and had to stop when a technicality arose over the use of judges handling out legal advice on the air.

Far from an "advice" show, this newest broadcast of Alexander's is straight arbitration — with the actual discussion in front of the microphones. Each program has a board of three arbiters — prominent men — who hear the complaints and on the basis of what is heard reach a decision. WHN airs the whole thing 9 o'clock on Friday nights. With the contestants ready to verbally battle each other in front of the microphone, there is bound to be an appealing air show. But, says Alexander, there is value, too. Before the broadcast these participants sign an agreement saying they will abide by the decision reached. And so real solution to their problems are found.

CHATTER. Easter services from the Hollywood Bowl will be aired by WOR... Warner's turned thumbs down on radio appearances for Bette Davis... popularity of Al Slayne on WHN has given the vocalist an added spot... says Jimmy Jensen: funniest thing ever happened to me when I was taken to a psychiatric ward because of an interview!... Kate Smith program has taken the lead from the Helen Bowen opera in studio requests for... which reminds; NBC's Amanda Show looks so much like Kate & we fans know them apart...



JOAN EDWARDS

Taft... best proof that listeners want to meet the artists: WHN's Polly Shadlow announced she'd have tea with a few of her listeners and 400 accepted the invitation!

STORY OF THE WEEK. An amazing collection of articles each week is lodged in the Lost and Found Department at Radio City. Jimmie Lunceford, the swing king, was up to NBC a few days ago to discuss a proposed series with one of the program directors. Following the confab, the executive showed Jimmie that week's collection. It consisted of everything from false teeth to umbrellas. And there were plenty of gloves, rings, eyeglasses and hats. What can you use?

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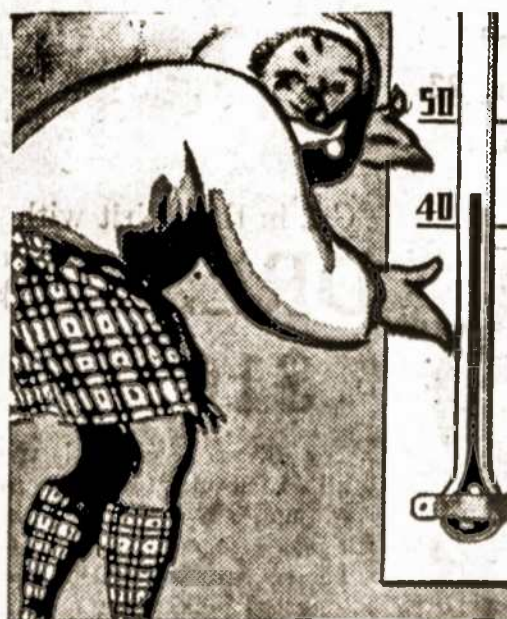
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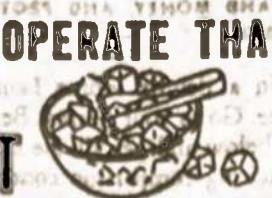
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Girls' Conference Is First Of Series For Coming Summer

A call has been issued for the sessions of the Girls' conference on the campus of Northfield Seminary for June 23 through the 30th. The conference will be the first of the summer series and comes immediately following the close of the Seminary school year and its commencement.

Planned for girls of secondary school and junior college age, this conference welcomes those genuinely interested in discovering life's fullest meaning and in learning to apply the principles of Christ to today's problems.

Among this year's leaders chosen because of their understanding of the needs and thinking of young people will be Dr. Albert G. Butzer, Dr. Hornell Hart, Dr. Howard Thurman, Rev. Donald J. Campbell, Dr. Brewer Eddy, Dr. C. Leslie Glenn, Rev. A. Grant Noble, Rev. Harold B. Ingalls and Rev. F. Guthrie Speers.

Information and reservations may be obtained from the executive secretary, Miss Isabella Hart, The Northfield League, Inc., 127 East 52nd street, New York City.

Recalls Early Life Of The Squakheags In Historical Paper

At the recent annual meeting of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial association, held in the council room of the Memorial hall at Deerfield, with Judge Francis N. Thompson presiding, a most interesting program was carried out in reading of several historical papers. One of the speakers was John E. Gale of Guilford, perhaps the best known authority on Indian lore and history throughout this territory. Since Mr. Gale referred to historical facts hereabouts, it may be of interest to our readers to learn of his remarks.

"In the summer of the year 1669 the colonial government of Massachusetts sent Capt. Daniel Gookin with a few companions to explore the region to the northward of Squakheag, as Northfield was called by the Indians. Capt. Gookin's party went to the northern limit of the land claimed by Nawelet, the chieftain of this tribe. This took them to the stream now called Broad Brook, a considerable mill stream which drains about 30 square miles of Guilford and flows through Vernon to the Connecticut river about one-fourth of a mile south of the Brattleboro town line. The Indian name for this stream was Wanasquatok, meaning little river.

"Capt. Gookin's party found wide fertile meadows on both sides of the river for a great part of the way and reported favorably for settlement, as the lands were not only fairly smooth and fertile, but here were many valuable nut trees, the chestnut, oak, butternut, and hickory comprising a great part of the forestry upon the nearby slopes.

"The Connecticut river flood of 1936 so extensively and literally opened up the subject of Indian occupation of lands in and near Northfield, and not only the subject but also the lands themselves, that when arrowmaker's flakes, fragments of Indian pottery and other evidences were discovered in the ruined meadows in that part of Vernon known as the 'bow of the river', certain interested residents of the vicinity began a systematic exploration of the wasted tract, and continued their activities until they had searched not only the river banks of Vernon, but also those to the northward for a distance of about 20 miles, incidentally seeking every available source of historical information pertaining to the days of Indian occupation of this region."

The paper relates King Philip's association with the upper Con-

necticut valley. The paper also states that one of the most interesting evidences of Indian occupation now remaining at Vernon is the grain pits constructed by them for the storage of corn and other food products. It continues: "The little village of South Vernon appears to be on the site of a small Indian village, near the mouth of a stream described in an Indian deed as Coassuck, now locally known as Dunklee's or Belding's brook, and was the northern limit of the second tract of land sold by the Squakheags to the whites in 1671."

The total number of deaths in the state of Massachusetts for 1938 was 49,892, and was the lowest total for many years.

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SOUTH VERNON (West Northfield)

Several pupils of the South Vernon schools attended the meeting of the safety patrol in Brattleboro last week Wednesday.

The South school P.-T. A. will meet next Tuesday evening and the program will be under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Dunklee.

Bernard Barnes is at his home for a short vacation from his work at Marlboro, Vt.

The hard storm of Monday kept the school pupils in their homes for an enforced vacation.

Miss Marcia L. Beers is having the fallen timber on her property cleared up by Mr. Carter of Mendon, Vt.

South Vernon church, Rev.

George A. Gray, pastor, services Sunday: Morning worship, 10:45; church school, 12:15; young people's meeting 6; evening worship, 7, followed by choir rehearsal. Mid-week service, Vernon Home, Thursday at 7.

Harry Fullum has secured a position as superintendent of mill sites with the Timber Salvage Administration.

The Postmaster General advises Congress to continue the three-cent postage for at least two more years as the revenue is needed for the post office department.

Flying squirrels have been seen frequently hereabouts by our citizens and recently Mr. Clapp of Gill made a discovery of a nest in a maple tree at his home.

TOWN TOPICS

There was a public supper at the Unitarian church last evening, fairly well attended but not given public notice.

Northfield Grange held a dance at their hall last evening with Richotte's orchestra furnishing the music.

Mrs. Austin Phelps will substitute for Mrs. Martin Vorce at the Dickinson library during the latter's absence on a motor trip through the southlands.

Mrs. Vincent Sullivan and infant son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leach at Northfield Farms.

Deputy Sheriff Martin E. Vorce is serving as court officer at the session of the superior court sitting in Greenfield.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Dean are now on their way by motor for a well-earned vacation in the sunny south.

Dancing, singing, romance, and humor will be enjoyed in the new musical, "Honolulu", which opens at the Latchis theatre on Sunday thru Wednesday. Eleanor Powell, Robert Young, and the comedy team of Burns and Allen will be the headliners supported by other fine artists. Here is a movie that will please the fans.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Mroczek of Maple street, at the Franklin County hospital on Thursday, March 16.

Samuel Alexander, one of Northfield's constables, cut his hand badly last Friday while sawing wood, at his home.

There will be a Temple of Religion at the New York Worlds Fair and the money has been raised to provide for the same. Edward S. Harkness made a gift of \$20,000 and the fund now amounts to about \$200,000.

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EDITORIAL

Vermont's Publicity Bureau has just completed a study of where the summer tourist who visited there during the season of 1938 spent their time during the stop-over or resting period. From enquiries made and a check-up on reports it was discovered that about 29 per cent booked at hotels while the remaining visited tourist homes, cabins, friends or farm houses. The hotels still prove their popularity in providing accommodations, and this reason is that the average tourist would gladly pay a little more for the facilities afforded and the privileges granted than is offered in any other place. To the credit of hotel management, it might be said that they have offered their facilities, in both rooms and meals, at very reasonable figures. The hotels can hold this patronage, if they want it, by catering in its service and keeping the cost at reasonable figures.

The steady increase in automobile accidents, especially at this time of the year needs some consideration. The casualty insurance companies have found it necessary to exercise extra care in accepting risks. Many of our cars have been examined during the past few months, while others wait for the compulsory examinations twice a year—the next coming next month.

If you own a car, have it examined at regular intervals and you can be assured that your car will act perfectly to your control on the road. Owners of cars can avoid much trouble if they will keep their brakes, their lights, the steering apparatus and other protective devices in proper shape, and of course not attempt to drive with smooth tires. Keep your car in good serviceable condition at all times.

Congress is beginning to talk about adjournment but the date is still a long way off. No one expects to leave Washington before the middle of June at the earliest. The interest in finishing up legislative work generally reflects the present temper of Congress. There is a distinct undercurrent of dissatisfaction, among the Democrats, with the way in which things are going. There has not been any real confidence in the Administration leadership and, outside of arms expansion, there has been little or nothing offered by way of a positive program. Republicans have no desire to offer any positive domestic program either. Both groups are sparring in preparation for 1940. In this situation, the membership begins to get the adjournment fever.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

by REGINALD W. BIRD
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Taxpayers Associations, Inc.

As long as town and city expenditures continue to rise, taxes also must rise. But savings can be made. Expenditures can be kept down. That fact has been shown by Taxpayers associations in countless municipalities of the state.

Even in the best run towns,

savings are possible, starting with the annual town meeting and carrying through the administration of town affairs through the balance of the year.

In the first place, town departments often ask for more money than they actually need. Some department heads operate on the principle of "get all you can afford." Others sometimes seek to build up a department beyond the size that a town needs or can afford. Realistic approaches to requests for appropriations have produced some astonishing results without impairing necessary services or cutting personnel or salaries.

Welfare expenses, our weightiest problem, should certainly be approached in such a spirit. A closer check of welfare cases by qualified investigators is in order. Such a step protects both the deserving needy and the taxpayer.

Schools are facing changing conditions, largely because the birth rate is falling. The State Planning Board recently estimated that during the next 30 years the school age group would decrease 29 per cent in population. What does that far-reaching change mean to your town? How does it affect that proposal for a new school, or for enlargement of present structures? A sound policy for school administration requires recognition of these changing conditions.

There are other approaches. What, for instance, is the cost per pupil of running your schools, and how does that compare with towns of similar size with similar problems? Does your town buy its gasoline at wholesale, and does it obtain the rebate on the Federal gasoline tax?

These are suggestions of what taxpayers associations throughout the state have taken up, of the problems that must be met.

In town after town, organizations of alert taxpayers are keeping constant check on departmental expenditures, are aware of trends disclosed by spending, are making comparisons with similar communities, and helping to return to a pay-as-you-go policy.

They have fostered studies of their government by outside experts to show where money can be saved without impairing services. They have been responsible for the installation of central purchasing systems. And, above all, they have given honest, courageous public officials the support they so sorely need in putting through a business-like rather than a political management of town affairs.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that the first electric clock was invented by Henry E. Warren of Ashland, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology . . . In 1773 it took a week to travel from Boston to New York City . . . The first Yale-Harvard rowing contest was held on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester in 1855 . . . Dairy farming contributes the largest share to the farming income of the state . . . The regular supply of ordinary size rope used by the United States Navy is made at the Boston Navy yard . . . the town of Mount Washington in the Berkshires had no births deaths or marriages in 1938—population 56 . . . Worcester claims to be the largest manufacturing city in the United States not served by an ocean, lake or river waterway . . . The power loom, invented by a Massachusetts man, Erastus Bigelow, in the early 1840's marked the beginning of the modern American carpet industry . . . Taxable sales of gasoline in Massachusetts in August, 1938, were 70,964,600 gallons, exceeding those of any August since the tax was inaugurated ten years ago . . . The first britania ware in America was manufactured in Beverly . . .

Private vehicles constitutes about 87 per cent of the total motor vehicle registration of Massachusetts . . . The cost of the Bunker Hill Monument, \$150,000 was met by popular subscription, finished July 23, 1842 . . . There has been a steady increase of about ten per cent a year in electric power demand during the past ten years in Massachusetts.

The Back Yard Gardener

"Your spring fever has arrived earlier than usual this year." "What have I done now?" says I, knowing that Mum was driving at something. "That's just it. You haven't done anything except talk—or write. Last week in that column of yours you told the folks to start their plants early and here you haven't even ordered your own vegetable seeds."

Well, Mum's right, and so I guess I had better get busy. You don't want to wait until planting time and then buy any old seeds. Good seeds are the first step in having a good crop.

If you are a real vegetable garden fan, you probably have your own ideas on what you like in the way of vegetable varieties, but I find that the ones recommended by the state experiment stations are very good and worthy of trial.

These folks say that a garden 50x100 feet will produce all that the average family of four or five will need. That includes not only fresh vegetables but some to can and also to store, such as carrots, beets, cabbage, etc. Some folks like more of this than they do of that. In fact, I know of one lady who prefers spinach to sweet corn. But that's all right with me because I get more corn that way.

This time I'm going to give you the varieties and tell you how much you need for a hundred foot row, and then before next week I'll try to dig up some information on planting, fertilizing and other garden information.

If you really want more than what I can squeeze into this column, you can write to the State College at Amherst and get a leaflet on the vegetable garden. They have one made up for a family of three and another for a family of five.

For green bush beans, I'm going to order one of these: Bountiful, Stringless Valentine, Stringless Green Pod, or Tender Green—1 lb for 100 feet of row.

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Corn—Gill's Early Market, Golden Sunshine for early, and Golden Cross Bantam for late planting—one-fourth pound.

Lettuce—White Boston or New York No. 12—one-fourth ounce.

Peas—World's Record or Laxton's Progress early, or Alderman late—1 pound.

Radishes—Scarlet Globe—one ounce.

Spinach—Long Standing Bloomsdale early, Summer Savoy late—1 ounce.

Swiss chard—Fordhook—one ounce.

Squash—Straightneck for summer, Des Moines for fall, Golden Delicious or Quality for winter—one-half ounce.

Tomatoes—Marglobe best all around—50 plants.

Now of course there are other vegetables that you can grow if you like, but I have given you just the principal ones. For example, World Beater is one of the best peppers, 1 package; Hollow Crown is a good pansop, one-half ounce; Danvers Yellow Globe a good onion, 1 ounce; New Hampshire Hybrid or Black Beauty are good eggplants, 1 package; Straight Eight is a good cucumber one-half ounce; Snowball a good cauliflower, one-fourth ounce.

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Missed Something
Boss (to office boy arriving a half-hour late): You should have been here at eight o'clock.

Office Boy: Why, what happened?

A Soufflé Supper
For a Flabby Purse

By Frances Lee Barton

THE recent festive season no doubt has left your food budget a trifle the worse for wear. So it's not exactly good news when your husband announces that he's bringing home a business friend for a bite of supper! All is not lost, however, for you can make a very handsome main dish of a tomato cheese soufflé and flank it with broiled bacon. Follow this recipe to the letter and it will be a grand soufflé to win the men folks' beaming approval.

Tomato Cheese Soufflé
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 cup tomato soup; 1 cup grated American cheese; 2 egg yolks, beaten until thick and lemon-colored; 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten.

Combine tapioca, salt, and tomato soup in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water and cook 8 to 10 minutes after water boils again, stirring frequently. Add cheese and stir until melted. Cool slightly while beating eggs. Add egg yolks and mix well. Fold into egg whites. Turn into greased baking dish. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes, or until soufflé is firm. Serves 6.

Note: Soufflé may be baked in greased ramekins in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes.

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